

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 9-11 have been amended. New claim 12 has been added. Claims 1 and 3-12 are pending and under consideration.

No new matter is being presented, and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1 AND 3-11 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER ROBERTSON (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,609,106) IN VIEW OF BAE (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,801,619)

The rejections of claims 1 and 3-11 are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

On page 4 of the Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Robertson fails to teach or suggest detecting information on a configuration of the user terminal to determine capabilities of the user terminal for browsing information. Hence, Bae is cited as disclosing this feature.

Bae discusses a queue management process using a queue manager 202 that determines the capabilities of the customer workstation 206. For example, where the customer workstation 206 uses a web browser to connect through the Internet, the queue manager 202 uses standard HTTP protocol connection handshaking to determine the browser capabilities of the workstation 206. (See Bae, column 10, lines 18-34, and Figs. 1 and 2).

As an example, the queue manager 202 of Bae determines the browser capabilities of workstation 206 and selects the java runtime components best suited for the browser that the workstation 206 is using, in order to provide delivery of audio, video and text.

In contrast, embodiments of the present invention are capable of detecting information on a configuration of the user terminal, to determine capabilities of the user terminal for browsing information, in order to provide data in a data format that can be presented most effectively in accordance with the configuration. That is, the present invention determines the actual hardware configuration of the terminal (e.g., presence/absence of a display, the size of a display, a resolution, possibility of replay of a moving picture, and presence/absence of a loudspeaker).

Accordingly, independent claim 1 for example is amended herein to further clarify that the information browsing environment detecting part detects information on a hardware configuration of the user terminal, to determine capabilities of the user terminal for browsing information (See page 7, lines 8-19, of the present specification for support).

Bae merely discusses a process that is capable of obtaining information of software run by a workstation (i.e., the browser running on the user's workstation 206). Bae, however, is not capable of determining a hardware configuration of a terminal, as disclosed by embodiments of the present invention.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the prior art. Independent claims 9-11, as amended, recited similar features to independent claim 1 and, thus, it is also submitted that independent claims 9-11 patentably distinguish over the prior art for at least the reasons provided herein.

Dependent claims 3-8 depend from claim 1 and inherit the patentability thereof. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3-8 also patentably distinguish over the prior art.

NEW INDEPENDENT CLAIM 12

New claim 12 recites detecting information on a hardware configuration of the user terminal; and editing information provided by the service providing server in a data format suitable for presentation in the configuration of the user terminal based on the detecting.

Therefore, new independent claim 12 patentably distinguishes over the prior art for at least the reasons provided above.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

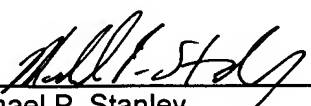
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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